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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND.....1,400,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS.
(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND.....£800,000.

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AGENOIES and BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,
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LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-

POSITIVE.
At 3 months' notice 3½ per Annum.
" 6 " 4½ " "
" 12 " 5½ " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL.....£800,000.
RESERVE FUND.....£160,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-

POSITIVE.
ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:-

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 3 " 2 per cent. "

H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....£933,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£465,250.

RESERVE FUND.....£20,000.

HEAD OFFICE—39A, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:-

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Entertainment.

INAUGURAL CONCERT.

NEW TEMPERANCE HALL.

Under the Patronage of His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

A Vocal and Instrumental CONCERT will be given in the

NEW TEMPERANCE HALL,

Fletcher's Buildings, Queen's Road, on

T H U R S D A Y,

18TH DECEMBER, AT 8.30 P.M.

The proceeds to be devoted to the Fin-

ance of the Institution.

Programmes will be issued.

Tickets—Price \$1—may be had from MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., who will also receive donations to the funds of the Hall.

Hongkong, December 10, 1879. del19

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

M I S S E L C I A M A Y will give a

PERFORMANCE for

ONE NIGHT ONLY,

On SATURDAY, 20th Dec., 1879,

being her

FAREWELL TO THE EAST,

assisted by

THE EMINENT TRAGEDIAN

M. E. B. FAIRLOUGH.

For Particulars, in future Advertisement

DUNCAN MACALLUM,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COM-

PANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. BRADLEY SMITH,

Secretary.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879. del20

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE just RECEIVED their Usual ASSORTMENT of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS, Comprising:-
GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES, JEWELRY BOXES and SCENT CABINETS.
LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S DRESSING CASES.
LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S DRESSING BAGS.
Handsome Presentation INKSTANDS, CIGAR and CIGARETTE CASES.
Handsomely Painted FLOWER VASES, NOVELTIES in Electro-plated Ware, STATUETTES.

Handsomely Bound and Illustrated GIFT BOOKS, Comprising:-
PICTURE GALLERY of MODERN ART.

SWITZERLAND ILLUSTRATED.

WOODLAND ROMANCE.

THE BIRD, by JULES MICHELET.

THE INSECT, by JULES MICHELET.

THE BIRD WORLD.

THE EPIC of HADES.

A Large Assortment of Newest GIFT BOOKS for Boys and Girls, CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS, the Latest Novelties.

Elegantly Dressed FRENCH DOLLS.

DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX, completely fitted.

SWIMMING and WASHING DOLLS.

MECHANICAL TOYS, in Great Variety.

DOLLS' PERAMBULATORS.

PUZZLES, GAMES, BRICKS.

HORSES and CARTS, WHEEL-BARROWS.

DRUMS, TRUMPETS, GUNS and SWORDS.

THE PRESENT SEASON'S NOVELTIES in COSAQUES, Comprising:-

HELEN'S BABIES' CRACKERS, PICTORIAL INCOGNITA, COMICAL and CLUB CRACKERS.

BELLES of the SEASON, &c., &c., &c.

PAINT BOXES.

CHRISTMAS CAKES and PLUM PUDDINGS.

FRENCH PLUMS, BLOOM MUSCATES.

Crystallized CHOCOLATE BONBONS.

CHOCOLATE in Pretty Boxes, for Presents.

FRENCH BONBONS, DRAGEES.

FRUITS in Noyau, JUJUBES.

SMYRNA FIGS, BRAZIL NUTS.

BARCELONA ALMONDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1879. del21

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have just RECEIVED, Specially for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, A few LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S JEWELRY GOWNS, Very Richly Embroidered.

Hongkong, December 10, 1879. del17

To-day's Advertisements.

CHRISTMAS STORES.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
BEG to call attention to the following
New Supply of STORES, which
they have Received.
Ex "GORDON CASTLE,"
And Other Recent Arrivals.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, 4-lb., 6-lb. and
6-lb. each.

CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS.

Pure AMERICAN CANDIES.

Pure SOOTH CANDIES.

DRAGEES. ALMONDS.

Fancy CHOCOLATES.

MASSON'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

NOUAGATINES.

Crystallized METZ FRUITS.

New Design in COSAQUES.

"CETWATO'S HAT BOX."

"MARQUEBE'S JEWEL CASKET."

"GRANDMA'S BONNET BOX."

"EDWIN and ANGELINA."

&c., &c., &c.

SYRUP FIGS.

Muscadet BLOOM RAISINS.

JORDAN ALMONDS.

BRAZIL NUTS.

PECO NUTS.

HICKORY NUTS.

Cooking and Table PRUNES.

Pudding RAISINS and CURRANTS.

Candied PEEL.

MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

CARAWAY SEEDS.

SCHWEITZER'S COCOATINA.

AMERICAN CREAM CHEESE.

SAP SAGE CHEESE.

LIMBURG CHEESE.

PINE APPLE CHEESE.

HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE.

WESTPHALIAN, BOLOGNA, OXFORD, and
TRUFFLED SAUSAGES.

GAME PIES.

Potted MEATS.

Prime Yorkshire HAMS.

Prime Wiltshire BACON in tins & Canvas.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.

OX-TONGUES in JELLY.

TRUFFLES.

CALIFORNIA ROLL BUTTER.

CUTTING'S Canned DESSERT FRUITS.

HUNTER & PALMER'S BISCUITS.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER
CAKES.

MILK BISCUITS.

ALPHABET BISCUITS.

OYSTER BISCUITS.

WAFER BISCUITS.

SODA BISCUITS.

First-class and Medium CHAMPAGNES,
Pints and Quarts.

HOOK.

SAUTERNES.

CLARET.

Fine Old Pale PORT, 1848.

SADOON'S Pale Dry SHERRY.

Do. Amontillado SHERRY.

LA GRANDE MARQUE CHARTREUSE,
Pints and Quarts.

MARASCHINO de ZARA.

CURACAO.

Fine Old BOURBON WHISKY.

SCOTCH and IRISH WHISKIES.

BASS'S ALE Bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, Pints and Quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT Bottled by E. & J.
BUCKS, Pints and Quarts.

Specially Selected CIGARS.

Princess CHEROOTS.

Cavite CHEROOTS.

Princess CIGARS.

Cavite CIGARS.

Arcos CIGARS.

Vegueros CIGARS.

Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes
of 100.

Choice No. 3 Maisig CHEROOTS.

Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

PRESERATION BOOKS.

SCIENTIFIC WORKS.

WORKS of REFERENCE.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

CHILDREN'S STORY BOOKS.

CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS.

NOVELS.

ATLASSES.

HISTORIES.

DICTIONARIES.

OLNEYDORF'S METHOD for Learning
FRENCH and SPANISH.

DR. AHN'S METHOD for Learning GER-
MAN and FRENCH.

ASHME'S MODEL BOOKS of FOREIGN
COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE,
GERMAN, FRENCH and SPANISH.

"NORTH CHINA HERALD" DATA
BLOCK for 1880.

NEW SEASON'S PRESENT TEA, in 5 and
10 Ounce Boxes.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
"YANGTSZE,"
Captain E. SCHUETZ, will
be despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 16th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de19

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

The Steamship
"GORDON CASTLE,"
LAWRENCE, Commander, will
be despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 16th Instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de16

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship
"ESMERALDA,"
Capt. TALSOR, will be de-
spatched for the above Port
on FRIDAY, the 19th Instant, at Noon.
No cargo will be received after 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de19

VICTORIA REGATTA,
1879.

ENTRIES to the REGATTA will Close
TO-MORROW, 16th December.

It is particularly requested that all En-
tries will be made on that date.

L. B. FRIEND,
Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de16

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public
Auction, on

THURSDAY,
the 18th December, at 2 o'clock p.m.,
at his Auction Sales Room, Pedder's
Wharf,—

An Invoice of TOYS, comprising :—
Mechanical and Other Toys, in great
variety.

Flower Pots, Painted Vases on Gilt
Stands, Inkstands, Ornaments, Albums,
Plated Ware, and a variety of other
Articles, suitable for Holiday Gifts,
etc., etc.

TERMS—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, Dec 15, 1879. de18

NOTICE.

WE Have authorized Mr. HENRY
PRINCE TENNANT to Sign the
Name of our Firm at Foochow.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de29

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will not be RESPONS-
IBLE for any ACCOUNT contracted
in his Name, unless a written authority,
duly Signed by him, be produced.

JOHN LAWRENCE,

2nd Officer, Sir. PAULAN.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de22

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAISE.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,

ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT

SAID, NAPLES, AND

MARSEILLE;

Also,

BOMBAY, COLOMBO, MAHE, ST.

DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

On WEDNESDAY, the 24th December,

1879, at Noon, the Company's

S. S. OXUS, Commandant RAPATEL,

with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,

and CARGO, will leave this Port for the

above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for

London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the

principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until

Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until

4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on

the 23rd December, 1879. (Parcels are not

to be sent on board—they must be left

at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the

Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de24

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 14, ALBAY, British steamer, 366, F.
Ashton, Taiwanoo Dec. 4, Tamsui 10,
Amoy 12, and Swatow 18; General—
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.

Dec. 14, FANTOISE, British barque, 693,
T. K. Cooper, Shanghai Dec. 8, Wheat and
Rice.—CAPTAIN.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 14, SCINDIA, British steamer, 1423,
S. W. Whidam, Amoy Dec. 12, Tea and Straw.—
RUSSELL & Co.

accidental, and a verdict was returned that the killing was casual and by misfortune and against the will of Owen. The inquest on the body of the second officer was then proceeded with. The Coroner pointed out that it was for the Jury to judge whether he was in his rational mind at the time he fired at himself, or whether he was carried away by a sudden frenzy, which would render him incapable of calculating the gravity of the act which he then committed. The Jury thought there was not the slightest doubt about this; he was labouring under great excitement; he was delirious and out of his mind. A verdict to the effect that deceased shot himself while in an unsound state of mind was then recorded.

The United Service Gazette of 8th November states that "Major Papillon has been appointed Commanding Royal Engineers at Hongkong, in succession to Brevet Colonel Stuart, whose term of foreign service will shortly expire, and will embark for that station in the early part of next month."—Colonel Stuart served as Captain during the operations at Canton of 1856-58; was present at the capture and demolition of French Folly Fort and at the formation of the defensive position at the Factories; he led the French storming party at the assault of Canton, and was thanked by the French Naval Commander-in-Chief, (Medal, and Brevet of Major). Colonel Stuart arrived here on the 14th February 1877 and has consequently completed a second period of service in the China command.—Major Papillon served in China during 1858-60, accompanying the expedition to the North; during the campaign of the latter year he commanded, as Lieutenant, the 8th Company Royal Engineers; was present at the seizure and capture of the Taik Forts, (Aug. 21st and 22nd) and was engaged at the affairs of Sinho, Changkyawang, and Pabilioliong, (Medal with two clasps). His commissions bear date,—Lieutenant, 20th April, 1855; Captain, 3rd April, 1862; and Major, 5th July, 1872.

H. M. S. Iron Duke, 14, Captain H. F. Cleveland, bearing the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir R. Coote, arrived here this morning from Amoy. On entering the harbour through the Lye-moon Pass, the Admiral was received with the usual salute of 15 guns from the Victor Emanuel, which was acknowledged by the Flagship before arriving at her accustomed moorings off the Naval Yard. The Iron Duke left Yokohama on 24th Nov., arriving at Matsou, an island near the White D g., on the 3rd Dec., where she found H. M. S. Lapwing at anchor with mails and despatches for the Commander-in-Chief. Left the same day and arrived at Amoy on the 4th Dec. On the 6th H. M. S. Egeria arrived with the mails received in Hongkong by P. and O. steamer Peashawr. On the 12th Dec. left Amoy accompanied by the Egeria; next day anchored in Hope Bay while the Admiral paid a visit to Swatow in the latter vessel. Yesterday the Admiral returned on board the flagship and came on to this port. The Egeria after completing her big gun practice at sea arrived in harbour about 5 o'clock this evening. The Iron Duke reports fine weather throughout. The Commander-in-chief will probably leave here about the middle of next month in the Vigilant for Singapore, where he will inspect the ships in the southern waters of his command.

A SPECIAL telegram to the *Bombay Gazette* from London, dated the 25th ult., announces that Mr John Delane, who for upwards of thirty years was editor of the *Times*, is dead. Deceased was the son of the late William F. A. Delane, Esq., formerly financial manager of the *Times*, who died in 1858. He was born in Oct., 1817, was educated at Magdalen Hall, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. in 1839, and was called to the bar at the Middle Temple in 1847. In 1839 he first became connected with the *Times* as assistant editor under the late Mr T. Barnes, on whose death, in 1841, he succeeded to the chief post of responsibility as editor of that journal. He resigned the editorship in Nov., 1877, and was succeeded by Mr Cheshire.

THE Manila Gaceta of the 5th December has the following:—

Don Cirilo Barcaiztegi, Consul General of Spain in Liverpool, has been appointed Consul General of Spain in Amoy, with a salary of 10,000 pesetas yearly, 6,000 more for the expenses of representation, and 7,500 for ordinary expenses of the Service.

The following is from *The Times*:—
We understand that the combination of freight monopolists is showing signs of breaking up under the influence of inherent weakness and the strengthening power of the association that has been formed to frustrate their designs. If there are already deserters from the camp of the shipowners' combination, which we believe is the case, this new co-operative society in the shipping business is, it would seem, destined to be shortlived. Considerations, it appears, having been found necessary, were made first to supporters of the "conference"; now another step has been taken, concessions being offered to everybody. The third will be probably dissolution and the expression of regrets that any attempt was ever made to form what their opponents call such an "unbony alliance."

£21,987; from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 1878, £174,161; corresponding months 1878, £172,430; ditto, 1877, £173,212.

The traffic receipts of the Eastern Telegraph Company for the month of October amounted to £50,251, against £41,678; and those of the Eastern Extension, Australasia, and China Telegraph Company, to £31,419, against £23,393 for the corresponding period of 1878.

The infant daughter of Sir Michael and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach has been baptised at the parish church of Coln St. Aldwyns, near Sir Michael's Gloucestershire seat. Her Majesty was one of the godmothers, and sent a silver gilt cup engraved with the following inscription:—Victoria Alexandra Hicks-Beach, from her godmother, Victoria R. and I. October, 1879.

Latest Mail Advices:—Yokohama Sept. 20, Shanghai 24, Foochow 26, Hong Kong 30. The P. and O. mail, with dates from Yokohama 13th, Shanghai 17th, Hong Kong 23rd, Singapore 30th Sept., reached London, via Brindisi, on the 1st inst., two days in advance of its due date, and the heavy portion is expected at Southampton on the 8th inst., per P. and O. steamer *India*. The France mail, with the advices dated as above, was delivered, via Naples, on the 6th inst., four days early, the Japan advices having been anticipated by the mail received, via San Francisco, on the 25th ult.

Police Intelligence. (Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Monday, Dec. 14th.

LARCENY OF POTATOES.
Ching Asam, 55, a coolie, was charged with stealing a quantity of potatoes from a garden at Chuk Chu.

Several complaints had been made by the villagers of vegetables having been stolen from their fields and gardens, and on a watch being kept the prisoner was seen with a quantity of potatoes in his possession, which he admitted having stolen. Defendant pleaded hunger and inability to earn a livelihood. He also admitted a former conviction, and was now sentenced to pay a fine of \$15 or suffer four weeks' imprisonment for larceny.

LARCENY OF CLOTHING.

Leong Ayau, 25, a shoemaker, was charged with the larceny of a jacket and a pair of trousers.

The prisoner admitted a previous conviction of attempted larceny in 1877, and two convictions of larceny, one from a dwelling house, in 1877, and another from the person in 1878. Defendant reserved his defence, and was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court.

STEALING BOTTLES.

Li Achik, 22, a marine hawker, was charged with stealing 100 empty bottles, valued at \$2.80, and was sent to goal for four weeks with hard labor, and ordered to refund \$2.80 or suffer fourteen days' further imprisonment.

SUPREME COURT. IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION. (Before His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir John Smale.)

Monday, Dec. 15th.

Mody v. Blodg, \$2000.—This was a claim arising out of a transaction in shares. Hon. J. Russell, Acting Attorney General, instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson, appeared for the plaintiff; Mr Haydar, Q.C., instructed by Messrs Bretton and Wotton, appeared for the defendant. The present motion was to dismiss the petition for want of prosecution; the motion was made by Mr Haydar on behalf of the defendant. The case was adjourned into Chambers. Mr Mody, it was stated, was in Shanghai at present. In Chambers, an order was made that the plaintiff should have a week's further time to determine what he intended to do, and that, whatever was done, he should pay the costs of the present motion.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Kaisar-i-Hind*, Captain R. Methven, arrived here yesterday morning, bringing London dates up to November 7. We give elsewhere items of interest to China from the *L. & C. Express*, and append here Indian and London telegrams from the Indian papers to hand by this opportunity:—

INDIAN TELEGRAMS.

Allahabad, Nov. 7.—There is said to be reason to believe that the Government of India are meditating the amalgamation of the Rajpootana and Central India Agencies, a step which Lord Mayo was anxious to carry out.

Dadur, Nov. 7.—In spite of what the *Bombay Gazette* says, a railway is to be made to Kandahar. Colonel De Bourde, R.E., has been ordered to survey the route through Pishin. Out of the Pishin Valley the railway will pass by the Gwaja route. The entire work is intended to be completed in one year. The Bolan Pass, since it has been taken over by Bombay, has entirely changed its aspect. There is now a road along which a carriage can be driven at a trot, and every station is stocked with supplies for man and beast.

Kandahar, Nov. 12.—General Stewart and his staff met His Excellency outside the city through which they rode to cantonments. Major Rivett-Carnac alone is with the Governor, whose stay is not expected to exceed two days.

Madras, Nov. 13.—The Court of Inquiry has decided that the stranding of the Hindostan was the result of an error of judgment on the part of the commander. The Court had under consideration the duty of suspending the Captain's certificate; but looking to his long and useful service in his profession and to the certainty that nothing can add to the distress and mortification that the loss of this noble ship must entail on him, and that he must carry with him a reflection that he has been the chief agent in her destruction, decided to restore his certificate to him. The Court restored the certificate of the Second Officer, but drew attention to the great danger to a young officer, of over-confidence when placed in a position of grave responsibility. The certificates of all the other officers were also restored.

Sikka, Nov. 17.—General Roberts telegraphs on the 14th, that a convoy of sick and wounded had started for India. All the sick left at Kabul are well housed.

Quarters for the British portion of the force will be ready in a few days. Huts for the natives are under construction. Two severe earthquakes have occurred.

Lahore, Nov. 17.—The Civil and Military Gazette announces that Sir Peter Lumden, Chief of the Staff of the Indian Army, proceeds to Europe on furlough early next month. It is understood the appointment will not be renewed in favour of any other officer after General Lumden's departure.

The particulars of the fight at Doaba in Tagor country show that the Safis first plundered Doaba, and murdered some inhabitants, and afterwards tried to cut off the Company of the 67th in a running fight kept up along the banks of the Kali river, the enemy in large numbers getting within forty yards, and only being checked by the fire of the Martini. Fifty-four men of the 67th kept at bay for over two hours a thousand of the enemy, expending over seventeen hundred rounds of ammunition. Captain Poole received flesh wound in his leg, not serious. Sergeant Woolley, after being wounded, continued firing, and brought down two Safis who were trying to cut up a wounded man.

A telegram, dated Pephima, 17th, says that two Safis were killed at Khotan on the 10th. The water supply had been cut off but was re-established. Khotan is strongly fortified, but other villages were deserted. Six hundred troops were collected at Pephima. General Nation had arrived.

Gulistan, Nov. 19.—Sir Richard Temple arrived at Gulistan via Egwaya Pass to-day. His Excellency visited the Durra pass from Isponzizi this morning. The Durra Pass, considering the attitude of the Khajia Amran range, presents the best route with the fewest difficulties for the construction of a railway to Kandahar, should this step be necessary.

Sind, Nov. 19.—General Gordon's Brigade in the Kurram has returned from the Alkayal and Chaukanna expedition and his troops are placed at General Tyrell's disposal. He also hopes to move to Badshah-Kiyayl by the end of the week. News from Kabul dated 17th November state that General Macpherson's Brigade is expected to return to Kabul by the 21st, on which day General Baker, with a small force, is to proceed towards Maidan in the direction of Ghazni, to collect supplies and settle the country from Kandahar. The Chief of the Taraki Chelzais from the country beyond the Kolyti-Ghizil frontier, had reached Candahar to submit and ask for service.

Guntur, Nov. 20.—A cyclone of great violence raged here last night, blowing from the N.E., E. and S.E., and doing much damage generally.

Calcutta, Nov. 21.—A column of the 44th Regiment had taken Seehem after some opposition, and lost two men. On return, a convoy of elephants was fired on below Seehem. The village of Merema was soon burning from Pipima.

Allahabad, Kutra, Nov. 21.—General Hill has organized a local Police force. Major Hastings, Political officer, has prepared a statement showing the revenue of the Kabul Province and Kobistan. The Turkistan revenue and that of Herat can only be approximately estimated.

Allahabad, Kutra, Nov. 24.—Reports from Turkistan state that Nuk Mohamed, the chief rebel leader at Kabul, has made his way via Balkh to the frontier, and means taking refuge with the Russians. The Amerre may leave for India any day now; probably he will be sent quietly away. No display of force will be necessary. Several headmen who have broken promises regarding furnishing supplies have been arrested.

Sir Andrew Clarke goes home next month. Subadar Mahomed Karum Khan, of the 8th Punjab Infantry, has been dismissed from the service for failing in duty at the time of the attack on the British Embassy at Kabul and elsewhere.

On Sunday and Monday, 2nd and 3rd, inst. Rangoon was visited by a cyclone of considerable violence, the worst weather that has been known there for many years. No very great damage appears to have been done, though several fine trees were rooted up. The rain was very heavy, but the wind shifty and gusty, rather than strong. Oppressively wet weather has followed, and the mugginess of a Madras September broods over the land.

Allahabad Kutra, Nov. 26.—On the 23rd, after General Roberts had arrived, word was brought that several regiments who had attacked the Residency were at a village six miles off. A squadron of the 9th Lancers, and two squadrons of the 14th Bengal Lancers, under General Ross, were sent to capture them. They took the road leading to Bamiyan, and after trotting eight miles found the face of a low range of hills that had been known there for many years.

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Calcutta, Nov. 27.—Komeone was taken on the 22nd. The Nagas made a desperate resistance. Major Cook and Lieutenant Ridgway, and Forbes were wounded and twenty or thirty native officers and men killed. The number wounded is unknown.

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The organic complaint from which Prince Bismarck is suffering is said to be the incipient stage of fatty degeneration of the heart, as yet but slightly developed. There is no immediate cause for apprehension.

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